

377 Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2016

I. ROLL CALL: Ron Morehead called the Board Training meeting to order at 10:02AM and took roll call. Ron Morehead, Vern McGinnis, Diane Crutcher, Mary Caisley and Phylis VerSteegh present. Staff present: Laura Beavers and Phaedra Morris.

II. APPEARANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Jim Runyon, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Governmental Affairs and Grant of Easter Seals

III. CONSENT AGENDA

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

- A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2016
 - Vern McGinnis motioned to approve. Mary Caisley seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- B. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – May 31, 2016
 - Diane Crutcher motioned to approve. Vern McGinnis seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- C. Approval of Board Training Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2016
 - Phylis VerSteegh motioned to approve. Diane Crutcher seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- A. CY16 Service Statistics
 - Laura Beavers stated our summary of first quarter reports were available in the packet. Mary Caisley suggested making to total funds budgeted column in relationship to the bills paid instead of the entire contract amount.
- B. Agency First Quarter Reports – January 1, 2016 – March 31, 2016
 - Laura Beavers stated Easter Seals has expended more of their grant in the first quarter than expected. Its likely Easter Seals will raise their projection of number served for the next funding cycle.
 - Mary Caisley asked if the increase in numbers served was impacted by the center at ISU closing. Jim Runyon stated that center was more of a treatment center vs. diagnostic. Centers are closing all over Illinois which is why our numbers are increasing, but our grant from 377 Board will only serve McLean County residents as indicated in the contract. Jim stated there is on national average an 8 month wait for services. Diane Crutcher stated this waiting time is having a daily effect on the personal lives of these clients. Easter Seals encourages families to not wait for a diagnosis and if possible to begin some services that are available immediately. Laura Beavers commented that Easter Seals has \$1,826.41 left of their grant for the CY16 funding cycle.
 - Diane Crutcher requested an update on United Cerebral Palsy. Laura Beavers stated her and Phaedra Morris conducted a site visit yesterday at UCP. This visit was very good. We met with Pat Gerth. They are down 2 job coaches and did meet with a few who were at UCP during our visit. UCP had binders laid out for us to review clients. While there, one client came back to UCP after a job interview and we had the pleasure to meet him and talk about his interview. UCP and LifeCIL are working in collaboration to help support a client who has moved out of his father's home and living on his own. Diane Crutcher asked if we have a definition of "closure" referenced in quarterly report

because closure could mean a variety of things. Laura Beavers stated she will contact UCP and Marcfirst on their definitions of closure and how many successful placements they have per Diane Crutcher's request and follow-up with the board.

- Mary Caisley questioned how we know the DD population is being served well enough.
- Diane Crutcher requested that UCP and Marcfirst be an ongoing request in terms level of assessment of their successes in placements vs. closures. Laura Beavers stated we can also invite UCP, Marcfirst and Homes for Hope to a special meeting to speak about the specifics of their programs relating to successes in placements vs. closures in supportive employment.

C. CY17 Funding Process

- Laura Beavers reviewed Working Timeline for CY17 Funding Process.

VI. BOARD ISSUES

A. The Board asked Jim Runyon to give a short review of the Easter Seals program. Jim stated the 377 Board currently funds the Autism Spectrum Diagnostic (ASD) Clinic. Easter Seals serves 41 counties across the central Illinois. We have been in McLean County since late 1980's. Regarding the ASD Clinic, it has been in place since 2003 and has served 1700 children. Of this group, 346 were children from McLean County. Not all of those children were diagnosed with Autism. Most children who are serviced through the ASD Clinic not only have Autism but have multiple diagnoses. Easter Seals is very grateful for the 377 Board's support. Ron Morehead asked Jim Runyon if he would be attending the CY17 Oral Presentations and Jim replied yes.

B. Phylis toured McLean County Center for Human Services and was very impressed with their current programs and new initiatives.

C. Diane Crutcher stated the senior staff of the Division of Developmental Disabilities for the State of Illinois is very willing to present via video conference to explain level of services and gaps. This senior staff cannot travel to present. It must be done via video conferencing. Diane Crutcher suggested the 377 Board traveling to them instead arranging a video conference. Laura Beavers stated she would check with Don Knapp to see if this is ok for board to do. Laura Beavers also suggested she will contact ARC of Illinois can come present as well. Diane Crutcher stated if ARC comes, someone will need to talk with them prior to about our expectations of their presentation to us.

D. Mary Caisley requested to know what the tax rate for 377 Board in Champaign is. Laura Beavers stated she will find out what the rate is and advise the board. Laura also stated if ARC comes to present we could have a joint meeting with Champaign 377 Board and members of specific agencies in town.

E. Diane Crutcher stated an agency approached her stating they were very happy with our assistance during the CY17 Application process.

F. Mary Caisley inquired whether any of the tax money from the Bloomington/Normal tax increase will go to the 377 Board to allocate. Laura Beavers stated that no money will be designated to Developmental Disability through the 377 Board. The monies are earmarked for new initiatives.

G. Laura Beavers stated Aunt Martha's, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), is looking to bring their facility to McLean County and have asked McLean County for a letter of support. Aunt Martha's has about 24 FQHC's in Illinois. They have a site in Palatine called Little City and are partnering in that area to provide psychiatric services to individuals with developmental disabilities. This could be an opportunity for an additional service array for psychiatric services in McLean County. They would offer primary healthcare, psychiatric services and dental services. They have garnered 20 letters of support already. Laura will meet with county officials today to determine if county and health department officials will endorse Aunt Martha's.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Diane Crutcher motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary Caisley seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.